find it difficult to obtain recognition and grants-in-aid in respect of elementary schools maintained by them, the District Educational Council, South Kanara, has been advised to grant recognition and aid to Catholic schools subject to certain conditions.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" In view of the answer to clause (c), may I know how the Government are going to encourage common schools for children of different classes ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The Roman Catholics put forward some religious objections and the Government have got to take them into consideration."

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—" May I know whether this Catholic school is meant for the children of the Catholics only and will not restrictions be placed on local bodies from opening other schools in the locality ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" No, Sir. The point is that if there are sufficient Catholics to warrant a school for themselves, they will have a Catholic school ; otherwise Catholic children should go to the common school maintained by the local body."

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—" My question is there is a Catholic school in a locality and under the Canon Law it is chiefly for Catholic children, will there be any restrictions placed in such a place preventing the local body from opening a common school on the ground that there is a Catholic school there already ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Yes, Sir. If the Catholic school is to be aided from the general funds, naturally there will be no other school opened there."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know the reason why the Catholics want a separate school ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" That is mentioned in the answer itself to (c)."

Reconstruction of the buildings of Arts College, Rajahmundry.

* 1773 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that the buildings of the Arts College, Rajahmundry, require reconstruction ;

(b) if so, for how long this subject has been under the consideration of the Government ;

(c) whether any site was acquired for this purpose ;

(d) if so, at what cost and when ; and

(e) whether the reconstruction will be undertaken in 1929–30 ?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The need for new buildings for the Arts College, Rajahmundry, having been brought to the notice of Government, a site was acquired for the purpose in 1921. The scheme could not be proceeded with for some time thereafter owing to financial stringency. Subsequently the Andhra University Act was passed ; and plans and estimates for the new buildings were prepared on the assumption that the buildings should

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provide for the Honours as well as the Pass courses. No progress could, however, be made in the matter as the continuance of Rajahmundry as a University centre for higher teaching was uncertain, the questions of University headquarters and centres having been the subject-matter of amending Bills in the Legislative Council. As a result of the passing of the Bills at the meetings of the Legislative Council held in January last, Rajahmundry will cease to be a centre and Honours courses cannot be opened at that place.

(d) The expenditure so far sanctioned is Rs. 88,163 and related to the acquisition of land. The award is the subject-matter of an appeal before the Privy Council.

(e) There is no proposal for undertaking the construction of the buildings in 1929–30.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" May I know from the hon. the Minister whether he intends to apply for a supplementary grant in view of the fact that no provision has been made in the budget ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" This question will be considered next year. The Director of Public Instruction has been asked to submit proposals for inclusion in 1930–31 budget."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" May I know, Sir, whether the estimates are ready ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" No, Sir. I mean with reference to the new scheme."

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—" Is it not a fact that the scheme is eight years old ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The old scheme was for an Honours college but the present scheme is only for a Pass college."

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—" May we take it, Sir, that at least next year there will certainly be a provision made ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Yes, Sir. That is the idea of the Government."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" Does the hon. Minister consider that one year's time is necessary for preparing these estimates ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBBARAYAN :—" It is the Public Works Department who have to prepare these estimates. I am not responsible for it."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether it is not part of the Minister's duty to expedite matters like this ? "

Museums

Museums in the Presidency.

* 1774 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of museums in this province ;
(b) where they are situated ;
(c) when they were established ;